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Circuit Court at Stanton.

Circuit Court at Stanton Monday, with Judge Shackelford on the bench and Commonwealth's Attorney, B. A. Crutcher, prosecuting. A good crowd was present and every juror whose name was called responded, showing that the Judge's action in fining some of the boys for not responding to jury summons at a former session of court, had the desired effect.

Judge Shackelford's charge to the grand jury was a strong one. He dealt very forcibly upon the offenses of the illegal sale of liquor and the carrying concealed deadly weapons. The talk did us good and we do hope to see his strong charges in these matters have its effect.

Judge Shackelford is growing in popularity in this county where he has always been a favorite with the few who have known him in his county for several years. Aren't we glad Powell was retained in the 25th District instead of being shuffled about by the last Legislature, as seemed imminent at one time last winter.

Attorneys J. B. White, of Irvine, and C. F. Spencer, of Winchester, were visiting attorneys at the bar.

This Looks Like a Refinery.

Directors of the Standard Oil Company of Kentucky, at a recent meeting, decided to construct in Louisville an oil refinery, with an output of 500,000 barrels annually. The plant will employ about 200 workmen and will be built on the property now owned by that company near the State Fair grounds, on the river bank. This property comprises 336 acres.

The work of erection will be pushed as rapidly as possible. Some delay, however, is expected because of the acute situation in the steel industry. The steel mills are working overtime and the company will be unable to secure the metal as rapidly as it wishes. Definite orders for steel before 1918 are not now accepted.

Kills the Largest Hogs.

'Squire John A. Sewell last week killed the prize hogs of the county when he slaughtered two weighing fully 550 pounds each, according to fair estimates placed on them by persons who saw them before they were killed. These hogs had no special breeding to make them, being just common pigs picked up by the 'Squire. Their unusual growth and development was the outcome of the proper feeding and attention of Mr. Sewell, who decidedly is a good man to handle hogs for profit.

To Select Committeemen.

Saturday Democrats will meet at their respective voting places and select Committeemen to serve for the next four years. On Monday following these Committeemen will meet at Stanton and select a county chairman who will also serve for four years.

J. H. O'Rear is the present efficient county chairman.

Bids on the Roads.

Bids on the construction work of the new dirt roads, advertised in the Times, were received and opened at Stanton, Monday. Five bidders competed with bids. The lowest bid was that of Meyers & Harris, of Covington. Their bid on twelve miles of road, exclusive of the corrugated iron pipe, totals \$26,519.12, or \$2,208 per mile. The iron pipe will cost at least \$100 per mile additional, which will bring the total cost of the earth road up to at least \$2,300 per mile.

The bids were made up on the following basis:

Removing trees over 12 inches in diameter, \$1.00 each;

Clearing and grubbing, \$60.00 per acre;

Earth excavation, 30 cents per cubic yard;

Rock excavation, \$1.00 per cubic yard;

Hauling and laying galvanized iron pipe, which the county must furnish extra:

12 inch pipe, 60 cents per ft.

18 " " 80 " " "

24 " " 90 " " "

Concrete work, Class A, \$10.00 per cubic yard;

Steel reinforcing, 6 cents per pound;

Crowning and shaping road, \$100.00 per mile.

Irvine Has Fire.

Early Saturday morning three buildings were burned in Irvine. The Williams bank building valued at \$3,000, with but \$1,200 in insurance, was one of the buildings consumed. The Lyric theatre came next, entailing a loss of \$5,000 upon its owner, Clyde Gaines. The city restaurant valued at \$6,000 was also burned to the ground. The fire originated in the restaurant. Contents of these buildings, combined with the cost of the buildings, which were framed, brings the total loss to about \$25,000. Most of this is covered by insurance. Irvine has no organized fire protection.

The Williams Bank is just completing a new three-story brick block, in which the bank expected to be able to move December 1st.

The burned district will be immediately rebuilt.

Mild Winter Predicted.

And now comes one prognosticator who says we are to have a mild winter. As this forecast is just the reverse of all others in former years, it is to be hoped that it will come to pass. It seems to be the custom of all the weather prophets to forecast nothing but bad winters and it is hopeful that the weather will change with the prognostications.

Fertilizer Plant for Lexington.

A commercial fertilizer plant is one of the new prospects for Lexington. It is claimed the plant will be built within sixty days and be ready to supply farmers with their plant food for spring crops.

Got the Money Ready.

At a meeting of the Fiscal Court of Estill county a few weeks ago, the court went on record agreeing to put \$500 when the people interested in good roads would subscribe \$2,000. With this amount of money the court could save the county's apportionment of \$2,600 from the State. The people about Irvine were but a little less than a day, it is said, in making up \$2,880, or \$880 more than necessary to save the State Aid money. This looks, to the Times, like getting roads, and it is to be hoped that other counties may emulate Estill's example.

Leases Roads for Oil.

The Estill Fiscal Court met in special session at Irvine Friday and leased a portion of the county roads in the oil districts to operators who will drill at once for oil. The court also adopted the Powell-Estill inter-county seat road by the way of Hargett, Kimbrell and Spout Spring to Plum creek. With thousands of barrels of oil to sell with which to build roads in Estill, and the Powell road already selected, it seems that the road from here to Irvine will be one of the first to go through to the mountain counties.

Thanksgiving.

Today is Thanksgiving day, the big turkey eating day. If only those persons who have turkey this time are expected to give thanks, the day will be scantily observed in and about these parts. When it comes to paying 20 cents per pound for any form of meat on foot, that's paying for your living sure, and if you are able to do it, you have unusual reasons for thanksgiving.

Estill Man Over.

James Winn, the popular county engineer, of Irvine, Estill county, was at Stanton Circuit Court Monday. Mr. Winn represents the Rocky River Development Company, of Cleveland, O., one of the largest oil concerns in the country. This company has many leases in this county, and Mr. Winn was over looking after them.

Powell Man Strikes it Rich.

Judge J. H. Hardwick, of this county, and John G. White, of Winchester, have brought in a hundred-barrel oil well near Cannel City, Morgan county, where they have several hundred acres of land leased. This well is close to the pipe line and as it now stands the lease holdings of Messrs. Hardwick and White are said to be worth \$300,000.

Moves to Crab Orchard.

Rev. Cleo Purvis has resigned the pastorate of the Christian church and moved to Crab Orchard, where he will take charge of a new church full time. He will, however, fill the remaining appointments of the year at Clay City. The church here had called Bro. Purvis for another year, and will very much regret to lose him.

STANTON.

(By P. O. Derthick.)

Circuit Court is in session this week.

Rev. J. C. Hanley was in Lexington last Friday.

Mrs. W. R. Catron visited her daughter in Montgomery county this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kelly and children of Virginia have been visiting with Henry Daniel.

Mrs. Margaret Oldham of Winchester is here, visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Evans.

George Derickson is quite sick with pneumonia. His sister Mammie is teaching his school for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Crowe have moved into the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tipton.

Charley Crowe and Gother Martin, who have been working at McRoberts for several months, arrived home Sunday night for a stay.

Mrs. R. D. Clark visited her daughter, Mrs. Myrtice Conlee of Richmond, last week, and returned with her grandchild, Alene, who will attend school here.

The new depot is all completed and looks mighty fine to us home people. It is a real credit to our town and we are proud of it. As soon as the furniture arrives Lennie Crowe will move into it.

We hope to have more news next week. Returning late from the Sunday School Conference at Johnson City, Tenn., and not being very well, we have not had an opportunity to gather up the news.

Miss Daisy Johnson invited her teachers, Misses Julia Evans, Alice Childs and Prof. J. H. Johnson, to spend Friday till Sunday at her fine country home at Tallega, and they all had a very enjoyable time.

The recital given by the music students of Miss Julia Evans, on last Thursday, was thoroughly enjoyed by those who went. Miss Evans' students are doing splendid work this year, and the recitals are looked forward to with pleasure.

Mrs. Lucile Davis returned to her home at Louisville after several days' visit with her many friends in town. Mrs. M. A. Phillips will return home Wednesday of this week. Their friends were glad to see them and have the good visit they have had.

Miss Mary Martin, accompanied by her brothers Kelly and Sterling, went to Winchester Monday where they stopped over night with Mrs. Lizzie Porter and then went on to Louisville where the two boys will be further operated on for their lip trouble.

A request has been to the writer that he speak of the cigarette smoking that takes place in the post-office at mail time. There are many girls and women in the office at this time and the smoking is very objectionable to them. We would kindly ask

A Busy Day for the Sheriff.

Monday was indeed a very busy day for Sheriff H. T. Derickson. Besides waiting upon the court, he was trying to accommodate the taxpayers of the county who were anxious to get their receipts before the penalty is attached December 1st., which is tomorrow. Most taxpayers had put off paying their tax to so late, hoping that something might turn up that the road tax might be yet evaded. Most every one paying on this date was paying the bond issue tax over protest that this part of their tax might be recovered if the bond issue is declared invalid.

Vital Statistics.

The preliminary report of the State Board of Health for October shows a total of 1,876 deaths, both white and colored, in the State. Of this number, 202 died from tuberculosis of the lungs, 127 from pneumonia; 57 children died from diphtheria; 74 from typhoid fever; 82 from cancer; 10 from pellagra; 3 from infantile paralysis, and 113 from violence. None from hookworm. Six per cent. of all the deaths were from violence. Is it not time to put a check on this unnecessary heavy toll of death?

Clay City Wins.

The Stanton basket ball team came down Saturday and matched skill with the Clay City team, and were defeated by the score of 26 to 7. The line-up was as follows:

Stanton	Clay City
Watson	E. Searles
Wells	I. Kennon
Brashear	Burgher
Bohannon	J. Searles
Blackburn	Martin

The features of the game were the passing of Searles and Martin of Clay City, and the center play of Brashear, of Stanton.

Moves to Dayton.

Mr. A. M. Burgher and family left the last of the week for Dayton, Ohio, where he has a most paying and responsible position with the Platt Iron & Steel Works.

Appointed Administratrix.

Mrs. Phillips widow of the deceased, Dock Phillips, was appointed administratrix of her husband's estate by the County Court, at Stanton, Monday.

Going Still Higher.

Out of sympathy with wheat products, corn is now \$4.00 per barrel in most parts of the State, and is going still higher, it is claimed.

the young men not to smoke in the building. And this would also apply to the depot. Many women do not go inside the depot to wait for a train on account of the crowd of young men in there smoking. One young woman from the country came over to the home of the writer Monday night rather than wait at the depot for the train. This has occurred quite often. We are sure if our boys would look at this in the right light they would refrain from smoking in these two places.